REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 are presently under consideration. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended herein, and claim 19 has been newly added. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the noted allowability of claims 5 and 6. These claims would be in condition for allowance upon being amended to independent form.

II. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-4 UNDER 35 USC §102(b)/103(a)

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) based on *Diezmann et al.* Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) based *on Diezmann et al.* in view of *Fuentes et al.* Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the feature relating to how different optical discs may be distinguished during interrogation while exhibiting different response times and/or frequencies. As is discussed in the present application, different optical discs may be distinguished during interrogation while exhibiting different response times and/or frequencies in order to avoid collisions.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the optical disc is one of a plurality of optical discs, and the IC of each of the plurality of optical discs includes at least one of a time adjusting section for adjusting a response time of a response signal and a frequency setting section for setting a frequency of the response signal,

such that response signals transmitted from the plurality of optical discs are separated with respect to time and/or frequency.

Claim 4 has been amended so as to remain consistent with amended claim 1. Further, applicants have added claim 19 to define the corresponding receiving section of the remote control apparatus.

Support for such amendments is found, for example, in the present application at page 14, line 5 to page 17, line 28; and Figs. 6-8).

The present invention is advantageous in that even when a plurality of optical discs are present within the scope that the radio waves from the remote control can reach, the remote control can separate the response signals. For example, the response signals may be separated time-wise or with respect to frequency. In this way, collision of the response signals from a plurality of optical discs can be avoided.

Neither *Diezmann et al.* nor *Fuentes et al.* teach or suggest *each of the plurality of optical discs includes at least one of a time adjusting section for adjusting a response time of a response signal and a frequency setting selection for setting a frequency of the response signal, such that response signals transmitted from the plurality of optical discs are separated with respect to time and/or frequency* as recited in amended claim 1. Furthermore, neither *Diezmann et al.* nor *Fuentes et al.* teach or suggest the advantages associated with such a configuration as claimed.

For at least the above reasons, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4.

III. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all claims 1-6 and 19 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

RENNER, OTTO, BOISSELLE & SKLAR, LLP

/Mark D. Saralino/
Mark D. Saralino
Reg. No. 34,243

DATE: December 12, 2006

The Keith Building
1621 Euclid Avenue
Nineteenth Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
(216) 621-1113